REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to a telephone call from the Examiner on December 14, 2006. In the telephone call, the Examiner indicated that the double brackets in the Amendment of August 9, 2004 and in the "First" Substitute Amendment of December 22, 2005 should be replaced with single brackets. The present Second Substitute Amendment shows the amendments made to the claims in the original Amendment filed on August 9, 2004, and with only single bracket notations.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to accept the present Second Substitute Amendment of the Amendment filed August 9, 2004.

The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted if any questions or concerns arise.

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